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TO : Chief, Operations School

DATE: 28 December 1955

FROM : Chief Instructor, War Planning Course

SUBJECT: Critique of Project USEFUL from CINCPAC
Representative

1. I cannot agree with the stir this one critique appears to have caused. The initial comment from FE-6 bears no weight in that the author apparently is not familiar with either the purpose or composition of the course.

2. Secondly, I believe it was unnecessary to write this to COP who, also, has little familiarity with the course. I believe an unnecessary amount of consternation was caused by a report which, if read with a knowledge of the course and the author of this critique, is not overly critical. The author left the course prior to the last day in order to obtain transportation to CINCPAC. He was hypercritical of very insignificant points in the course and extremely critical that we did not devote a major portion of our time to his area. Especially, he wanted our policy and doctrine as regards [REDACTED] His whole tone of verbal criticism to me during the course indicated a lack of knowledge concerning that which is U. S. Government policy, military policy and CIA clandestine activity. Even so, he liked the course and felt it should be continued.

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3. I suggest, in the future, that any such critiques reported to an individual's Headquarters and forwarded to CIA be routed immediately to C/PPC/DDP and DTR, in turn. This has caused a so-called "flap" in which C/PPC now indicates the instructors will take a positive approach. In the interests of academic freedom I don't see how it is possible to "gild the lily". We have been accused, in the past, of overestimating of capabilities to the military. Such a positive approach on the part of the instructors will cause them to again tell the military that which we think they want to hear. If our limitations outnumber our capabilities they are entitled to know this.

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